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Serial No.: 09/580,516  
Filing Date: May 25, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2145  
Examiner: Melvin H. Pollack  
Title: ELEMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH  
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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments. Please amend the Application as follows.